# Seeking more value from IoT

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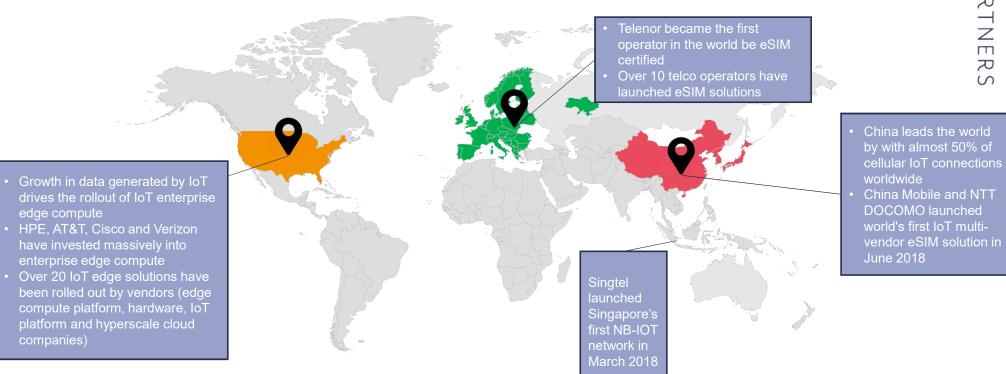


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# **Key Recent IoT Milestones**

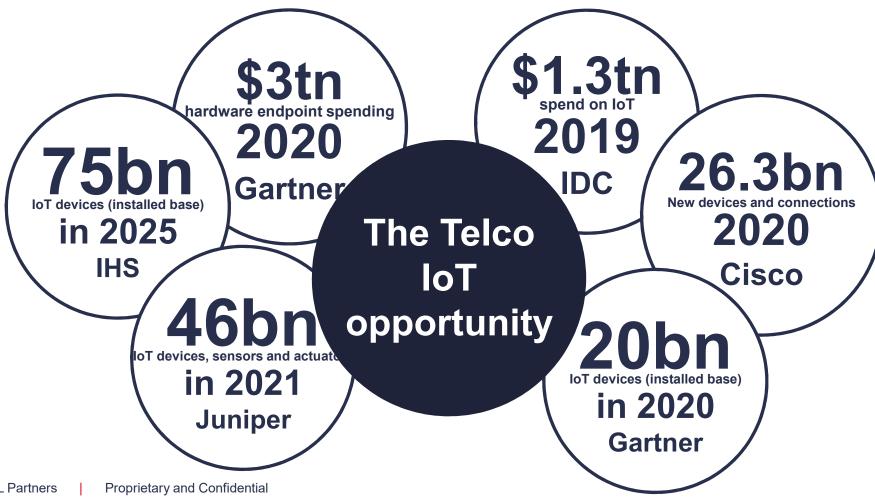
### Global cellular connections passed half a billion



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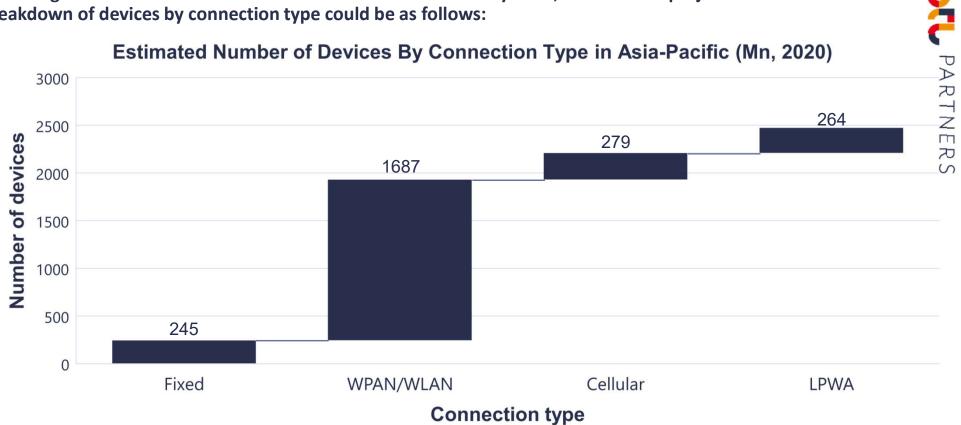
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The Internet of Things is forecast to connect billions of devices and deliver trillions of dollars in revenues



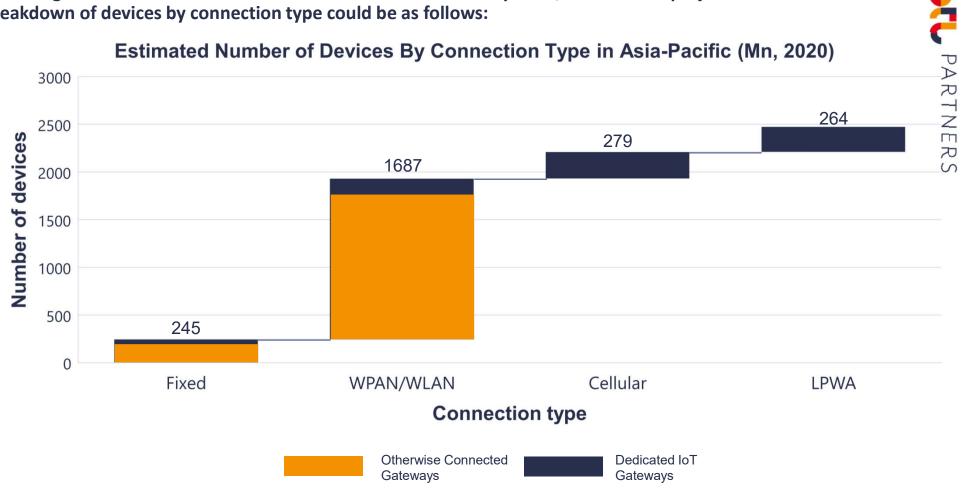
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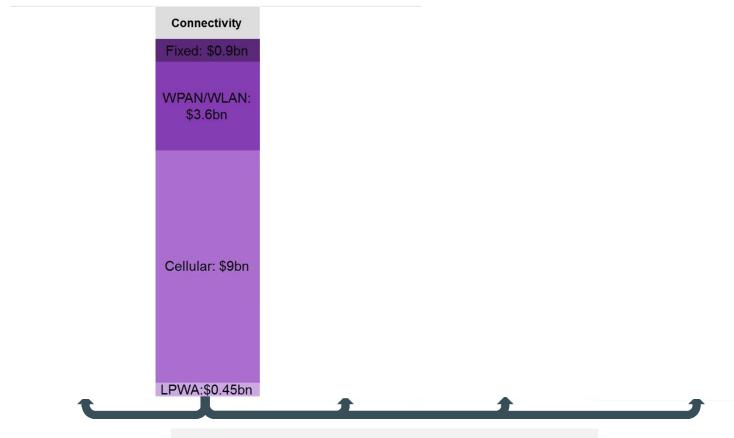


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To capture the entire IoT opportunity, telcos need to move beyond connectivity into other areas of the ecosystem

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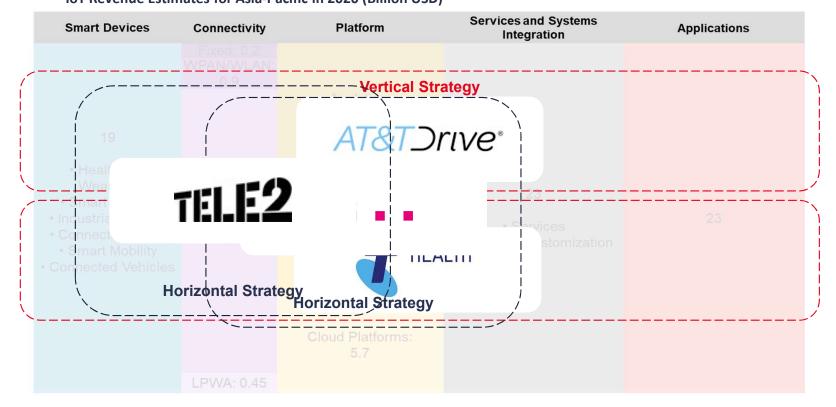


Telcos need to explore the entire IoT ecosystem!

Source: STL Partners Analysis

### What are telcos' strategic options to go beyond connectivity?

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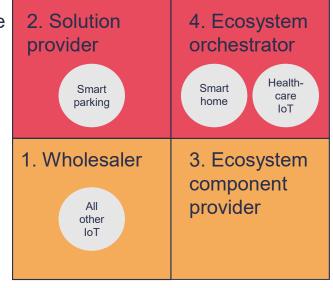


# Four possible telco roles in the IoT ecosystem, which aren't mutually exclusive



The complete offer to the customer

> Part of the offer to the customer



Traditional value chain (one-sided)

**Ecosystem** value network (multi-sided)

Key:

Vertical focus required for success

No vertical focus required

Source: MIT and STL Partners

# So which roles and verticals should you focus on?



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Part of the offer to the customer



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**Ecosystem** value network (multi-sided)

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### Three key questions:

- 1 Does this vertical have high value potential?
- 2. Do we currently have capabilities in this vertical?
- 3. If not, do we have the appetite to develop them?

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# Last year's panel identified asset tracking & management as one of the most promising IoT verticals...



### Asset management is:

- Relatively horizontal
- In demand
- Proven
- Easily understood



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  - **China Telecom**
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### Asset management is not new but is changing radically...

- Asset management (used interchangeably with asset tracking) is the method and process used to track physical assets' location, status, maintenance schedule and performance
- Assets have been tracked (manually) for a long time and data generated remains largely one-way data



• While asset tracking becomes **more connected**, the definition of "an asset" is changing, and the number of parties with an interest in tracking the asset directly is increasing

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# **Enterprise asset management – AT&T perspective**



### **Asset management**

### Operations platform

Tracking, monitoring and management of any connected asset (from different vendors) from a centralised user interface

### Containers & trailers

- Devices for longterm remote use. collecting data and sending it to the cloud for viewing
- Provides alerts and notifications

### Storage tanks

- Tank level measurements sent wirelessly Aimed at
- distributors to help improve efficiency and reduce delivery costs

### **Equipment &** machinery

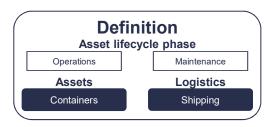
Monitor and control mixed fleet of equipment (construction, agricultural and manufacturing equipment)

### Slap & track

Track and monitor wide variety of assets such as tools, boxes, equipment or inventory

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# AT&T – Maersk partnership



Problem



Solution



**Outcome** 





# AT&T – Maersk partnership

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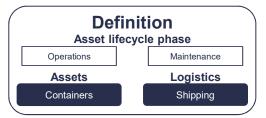
### **Problem**

- Maersk's refrigerated containers can malfunction at times
- These could only be noticed during full service inspections before reuse or by visual inspection during transit
- Perishable goods being transported are lost if malfunctions are not found
- This reduces customer satisfaction and increases insurance premiums



### Solution

- In 2015, Maersk partnered with AT&T to monitor and track
   ~300,000 of its refrigerated containers
- Each container uses a remote container device (RCD)
  - SIM card
  - GPS unit
  - ZigBee radio and antenna
  - Optional input for analogue sensors
  - Multiple interfaces to connect into the container's controller
- Sensors track air supply, temperature and humidity
- RCD operates with two-way connectivity



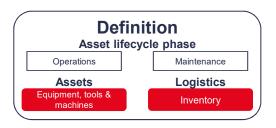




### **Outcome**

- Maersk has near-real-time visibility into containers' condition
- Shipping supervisors can monitor performance remotely to help ensure containers are in working condition
- During first two months of operation, the system caught and corrected 150 cases of temperature failures

# AT&T – Red Bull partnership





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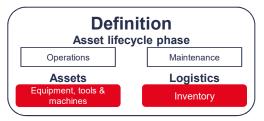
### **Problem**

- Red Bull drink coolers require regular restocking and can develop maintenance issues
- Workers need to check the status of coolers manually, potentially adding up to significant effort and fuel expended
- Coolers can also be subject to theft or damage unrelated to maintenance



### Solution

- In 2017, Red Bull approached the **AT&T IoT Foundry**
- Solution created is a mounted IoT device approximately the size of an iPhone and was retro-fitted to ~1,000,000 Red Bull coolers
- The device provides data on performance, door activity, temperature and geo-location
- The device collects this data and sends it at regular intervals using the embedded AT&T Global SIM to The AT&T Control Centre and AT&T IoT Platform to be processed
- Location data provided by Wi-Fi "sniffer"







### **Outcome**

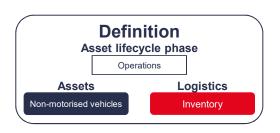
- Red Bull operators can access the temperature and performance data remotely, no longer requiring manual checks
- Data has enabled predictive maintenance

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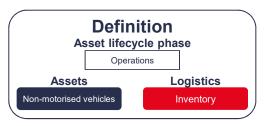
### **Problem**

- ofo needed to provide accurate location data for its bicycles so users could locate them
- Previously used a 2G GPRS modem mounted on the bikes to unlock them via a user's app request
- Limitations of the technology included:
  - Battery life
  - Response time
  - Lack of coverage making it harder to locate the bikes and at times impossible to open the lock



### Solution

- In 2017, of partnered with China Telecom and Huawei to implement NB-IoT in their dockless hire bikes
- China Telecom are providing the NB-IoT network and Huawei are providing the NB-IoT chips and platform
- The solution was retro-fitted to ~10,000,000 dockless bikes







### Outcome

- Coverage: Improved coverage
- Scalability: NB-IoT scales to connect millions of bikes and offer enough bandwidth to operate each bike
- Tracking: gather data on movement patterns, prevent theft
- Battery life greatly increased and reduced time to unlock the bike

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# In a rapidly evolving market, operators need to take multichannel approach to asset management solutions



Create the "SI" capabilities to be invited to the big "solution" RFPs and to win them



Build a developer-centric "foundry" approach to help kickstart conversations with local companies



Create a distinct team & identity on top of that of the operator



Create a mechanism to identify and target clients for whom regional capabilities will be important



Build strong partnerships (hardware and platforms) to support all of the above



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# Vote 1: Assuming that you pursue asset tracking, what should your operators' focus be?

- 1. Systems Integrator "solutions" approach
- 2. "Foundry" approach
- 3. Create a distinct team and identity
- 4. Create a mechanism to address regional capabilities
- 5. Form hardware and platform partnerships

# Vote2: What should the Bridge Alliance's role be?

- Single point of contact for regional RFPs (as for EM)
- Build a solution "factory" for Bridge Alliance members
- 3. Create a distinct team (GTM & delivery) with for regional AM opportunities
- 4. Create a distinct team (GTM & delivery) with for all asset opportunities
- 5. Facilitate regional partnerships
- 6. Other

# Thank you

